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1. In accordance with the plan for the electrification of Bulgaria, a hydro-electric power project is in the process of construction between Batak (N 41-57, E 24-11), Peshtera Okoliya, and Debrashtitsa (N 42-05, E 24-15), Pazardzhik Okoliya. Work on the project began in 1953 and is scheduled for completion in 1958. An unknown number of Trudovaks and civilian workers are employed on the project.
2. The Batak-Debrashtitsa hydro-electric power project will consist of a canal system from Batak to Debrashtitsa, three dams with hydro-electric power plants,¹ and an artificial lake at Batak.
3. One of the dams and electric generating plants will be constructed in the vicinity of Batak, another at a point five to six kilometers southwest of Peshtera, and the third in the vicinity of Debrashtitsa. The dam and power plant at Batak will be the largest of the three.
4. The artificial lake, 15 kilometers long and seven to eight kilometers wide, will be formed back of the Batak dam on the Batak plateau, and will be fed by streams in the vicinity and by water from the Vasil Kolarov dam, 40 kilometers southwest of Peshtera. Water from the Vasil Kolarov dam, completed in 1952, will be brought to the Batak dam through a tunnel.
5. The canal system for the Batak-Debrashtitsa project will consist partly of open canals and partly of tunnels. In the summer of 1954, construction of the tunnels was in progress.

Comment: According to Rabotnichesko Delo, 13 July 1954, the three power stations of the Batak power system, are the "Batak" VETS (Hydroelectric Power Station) the "Peshtera" VETS, and the "Aleko" VETS.

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